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LOOKS LIKE GERMANS PREPARING TO ATTACK

Salonika, on the Greek Coast, Where Two Hundred Thousand Allies Are Encamped, Is the Center of War Interest—A Hundred Thousand Bulgars Are Near at Hand and a Teutonic Attack Is Expected—England Calls Out Those Who Have Volunteered Between the Ages of 19 and 22—The United States Preparing Another Note to Austria and Further Relations Will Depend on Austria's Reply—Eight of Zeppelin Crew That Attacked London Found Frozen to Death on Their Return to Germany—A German General Was Killed in Battle.

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 18.—A royal decree today calls out four classes of recruits who have volunteered under the Earl of Derby's plan of raising a new army. The gross number was not given, but the ages range from 19 to 22 years. The Bulgarian army of 100,000 is resting on the Serbian border, while Saloniki continues the center of war interest.

Belief that the Teutons may force the fight on the allies in the Greek stronghold grows. The latter are fortifying rapidly. The Teutonic invasion on Montenegro is reported from Berlin to have cleared considerable territory of native troops.

The French chamber yesterday appointed a special parliamentary commission of forty-four to supervise all army supply contracts following many charges of irregularities.

ANOTHER NOTE TO AUSTRIA.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson today began the preparation of another note to Austria, pursuant to Austria's failure to meet the United States' demands on the sinking of the Ancona.

Future friendly relations between the two countries will depend upon the reply from Austria to the note the president is writing today. It is said it will call upon Austria for a prompt accession to the demands contained in the original notes.

Zeppelin Crew Froze to Death.

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 18.—Eight members

of the crew of the Zeppelin which raided London on Oct. 13 were found frozen to death on the return to Germany, according to the Daily Express. It is said to have created a sensation in Germany and possibly deterred further raids.

German General Killed.

[By Associated Press.] London, Dec. 18.—Major General Von Stockhausen of the German army has been killed in action, says an Amsterdam dispatch.

AUSTRIA'S NOTE IS INSULTING

If American Charges Were True Be No Cause to Censure Submarine Commander.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 18.—The official text of Austria's reply to the American Ancona note today reveals that Austria denies that the American charges, even if true, warrant attaching blame to either the submarine commander or the Austrian government. Reply otherwise confirms the unofficial version in Thursday's dispatch.

YOUNG LADY FOUND WITH THROAT CUT

[By Associated Press.] Paris, Tex., Dec. 18.—The body of Miss Pauline Walton, 17 years old, was found at her home with her throat cut from ear to ear early today. Two persons are under surveillance, though no arrests have been made.



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WILL SETTLE ALL TITANIC LOSSES

Announcement of Settlement Basis Was Given in New York, Americans Receiving Largest Share.

[By Associated Press.] New York, Dec. 18.—The White Star line has agreed to pay \$66,000 in settlement of all claims arising from the sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912, when more than 1500 persons were drowned. Agents of the line announced Friday. Of the amount about \$500,000 will be distributed among American claimants, \$50,000 to British claimants and \$114,000 will be required for interest and expenses in connection with the numerous suits.

The agreement must be acted upon by Dec. 20 to become operative. A committee representing sixty Americans who had filed claims against the company fixed the total claims at \$2,500,000. Forty-four of the sixty are said to have accepted the company's offer of approximately 20 per cent of their claims.

Cases not settled by agreement will be continued in the courts.

PLAN TO BLOW UP CANAL IS ALLEGED

Paul Kenig and Richard E. Lindecker of Hamburg-American Line Arrested in New York.

[By Associated Press.] New York, Dec. 18.—Paul Kenig, formerly head of the secret service of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Lindecker were arrested last night by agents of the department of justice, charged with conspiring to attempt to blow up the Welland Canal.

Big Bond Required.

[By Associated Press.] New York, Dec. 18.—Paul Koenig, head of the Hamburg-American line bureau of investigation, and Richard E. Lindecker, art goods dealer, today were held in \$50,000 and \$30,000 bail, respectively, on the charge of conspiring to blow up the Welland Canal. The hearing is set for Jan. 12.

AUSTRIA REFUSED ALL U. S. DEMANDS

Did Not Accede to Single Request. Relations of Two Countries at Breaking Point.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Lansing announced that the Austrian reply did not accede to any of the American demands. The meaning of the Austrian reply, Mr. Lansing said, which appeared to be somewhat vague in the unofficial version, was clear in the translation of the original text. It was perfectly plain, he added, that none of the American demands was acceded to. Further than this, Mr. Lansing would not discuss the reply.

Austria's reply to Secretary Lansing's note on the Ancona, received during the night, was laid Friday before President Wilson and the cabinet and discussed more than an hour. The gravity of the situation caused by Austria's rejoinder to the American demands, which is considered evasive and unacceptable, remained unchanged when the meeting ended.

The next step will not be decided until some minor points not clear in the official text are checked up. The apparent discrepancies are not important and may be due to transmission or translation from the state department code, but they will be cleared up before another move is made.

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